

DISPENSARY AT BOYDTON

Earnest Letter from a Number of Prominent Citizens.

THE SYSTEM A FAILURE

Evil Results of the Institution at Boydton Described by Those Who Have Accurately Seen Its Working at Close Range.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, VA., February 14.—To the editor of The Times-Dispatch:

In your issue of Sunday, the first instant, there appeared an article from Boydton pronouncing the dispensary a grand success. This article, as far as we understood it, referred to the dispensary from the standpoint of business only. Viewed from this standpoint alone, the institution has been successful. It has brought a good revenue to the town of Boydton and has added something to the coffers of the State. It is managed by men of character and fine business ability, and is as thoroughly respectable as an institution of its kind could be.

In its high respectability and orderliness the great danger of the dispensary as a demoralizing agency has been proved to be a lie, and from this thoroughly respectable business house a constantly increasing stream of intemperance, such as street and bar-room or unlicensed jug-peddler have given rise to, is flowing out into and through our community, threatening sooner or later to destroy the character and manhood of many of our best citizens and hitherto useful and honest men, as well as to debauch and corrupt many of our young men and boys before they have really arrived at years of discretion.

There are men in every community who will have their liquor, and who are not particular as to where they get it, but to these men for the most part belong the lower classes or are already hopelessly gone themselves. Gentlemen, as a general thing, do not patronize jug-peddlers, and few of them, in this community at least, patronize open bar-rooms. But from this thoroughly respectable dispensary, wherein "Vice itself has lost his horrors by losing all its grossness," men of character and of comparative temperance habits do not hesitate to purchase, and purchasing in this way, the institution cannot sell by the drink, carry off more than they want, and generally treat it out to others, just as respectable as themselves, who in turn buy more from the same respectable source, that they may return the favor to the establishment.

In this way habits of intemperance have been and are being inculcated to an alarming extent. Men who had not been known to drink for years before the opening of this thoroughly respectable establishment, are now drinking daily along the streets. Young men are constantly to be met with whose breath smells of alcohol and whose eyes are not unfrequently bloodshot, and their highest attainments are in the way of some instances, and what should belong to the highest and best type of manhood in a few years, in other instances, are being gradually but surely debauched. We hold that revenue dearly bought by any State or community which is paid for by the debauchery of the young and the sacrifice of the manhood of many of her citizens. It is true that the dispensary does not sell to minors, but there are always disreputable men around, who either for a consideration, or from natural and acquired depravity of heart, are ready and willing to get it for them. The greatest danger to the young, however, we regard as lying in the constant and unceasingly increasing examples of intemperance which are daily before the eyes of the young.

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In view of the publications in the Times-Dispatch, referred to in the beginning, and in consideration of the facts herein set forth, and in consideration of other facts not herein mentioned, we the undersigned citizens of Boydton, desire to express in the light of present experience (many of us before the opening of the dispensary in the beginning), we believe the dispensary to be the most dangerous, misleading and demoralizing form in which liquor has ever been sold in this community, that we are thoroughly opposed to the dispensary system; that we are satisfied that a majority of our citizens are opposed to the same, and that it is a question of a short time when the dispensary will be abolished.

We appeal to the members of the General Assembly of Virginia to do what in them lies to prevent this system from being fastened upon or permitted in old Virginia.

(Signed),

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There are a number of matters wherein the National Government may be of assistance to the State towards making a creditable display of her natural riches and resources, and Mr. Colner wishes to avail himself of every opportunity possible.

The Board of Commissioners for the great St. Louis fair will meet again to-morrow, March business is to be done, and many questions to be decided.

NEW REVENUE ACT

Joint Legislative Finance Committee at Work on It.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 14.—The joint subcommittee of the Senate and House of Representatives on Finance expect to finish their work of revising the revenue and machinery acts for re-enactment within the next few days.

The Secretary of State Charles C. Johnson-Roanoke Telephone Company of Windsor, with \$100,000 capital. Also the French Broad Fuel and Timber Company of Asheville, capital \$100,000.

Rqm Russell, a negro brakeman in the employ of the Southern Railway, was found horribly mangled this morning on the track near the city. He evidently fell from his train, a local freight soon after midnight, and was not missed. His head was crushed off, also his left leg. Particles of the body were found along the track for fifty yards, being carried by adhering to the car wheels passing over it.

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to take up with the Seaboard Air Line authorities the matter of securing a new train between the Seaboard and Raleigh to arrive every morning and return during the afternoon, the object being to bring shoppers to Raleigh.

KILLED IN WARREN

Cleveland Craig Endeavored to Stop a Shooting Affair and Was Shot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FRON ROYAL, VA., February 14.—In an affray at Brimont, Warren county, this afternoon, Winfield Cameron shot and killed Cleveland Craig. The affray was caused by the rejection of a negro blacksmith to take another drink with Cameron. They had been indulging very freely in intoxicants, and when the negro decided to take another drink Cameron drew his revolver and began firing, Craig, hoping to stop the firing, ran between them with the above confession. Cameron immediately left the village. The authorities are in pursuit. Cameron is from North Carolina, having left that State for a similar offense.

THEY LEFT THEIR CARDS

Small Boys and Girls Make St. Valentine's Night Lively.

Valentine Day, or rather night, was a great time for the young people. Attired in the most fantastic costumes they visited nearly every house in town and left their cards in the shape of comic valentines.

Most people took the thing good-naturedly, but some were not pleased, and now and then an irate householder might be seen to cancel all social engagements. The attorneys for the most part, and what should belong to the highest and best type of manhood in a few years, in other instances, are being gradually but surely debauched. We hold that revenue dearly bought by any State or community which is paid for by the debauchery of the young and the sacrifice of the manhood of many of her citizens. It is true that the dispensary does not sell to minors, but there are always disreputable men around, who either for a consideration, or from natural and acquired depravity of heart, are ready and willing to get it for them. The greatest danger to the young, however, we regard as lying in the constant and unceasingly increasing examples of intemperance which are daily before the eyes of the young.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT IS MUCH INDISPOSED

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Roosevelt is so much indisposed that she has been unable to cancel all social engagements for a time. It is understood that her condition is not serious, but she is in need of rest. The physicians have insisted that she forego temporarily all social duties.

Stock of Goods Sold.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WYTHEVILLE, VA., February 14.—The stock of goods at the store of W. J. & Co. assigned to secure creditors about the 1st of February was sold today by the trustee, M. M. Caldwell, to the highest bidder, at fifty-six per cent of the inventory price. The attorneys for the creditors here say they ask that the United States marshal take charge of the stock, as bankruptcy proceedings had been commenced, and notice had been served upon Bollinger before sale. The bill of sale is about \$15,000, and it is said the assets of the above sale should well be \$30,000.

His Left Leg Broken.

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WINCHESTER, VA., February 14.—F. W. Trout, of Martinsburg, had his left leg broken, making the seventh time he has had a leg broken.

While chasing a horse John Hillyard, of Clarke, fell and broke his arm. Fourteen years ago the same arm was broken and the hand amputated. It may be that the arm will now have to be amputated.

Complained to Police.

There was some complaint made to the police in all districts last night regarding the playing of the young people, and in a few cases old ones, who were observing Valentine Day. No official complaints were made.

Losing Ground.

Mr. W. R. Fries is not improving. On the other hand, he thought that he is gradually losing ground.

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JOSETTE WON AS SHE PLEASSED

Raced the Favorite Scorpion Off His Feet in De Soto Handicap.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 14.—The De Soto Handicap at six furlongs and worth \$1,645 to the winner, the feature of today's card, was won very easily by J. U. Strode's Josette, a second choice in the betting, who, favored by the start, raced the favorite, Scorpion, off his feet and then came on and won as she pleased. Summary: First race—selling, seven furlongs—Hagan (4 to 1) first, Lady Alberta (8 to 1) second, Jerry Hunt (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:34.34. Second race—five furlongs—Birch Brook (9 to 2) first, Musical (6 to 1) second, Lady Mistake (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:04.35. Third race—Handicap, one and one-eighth miles—Ben Chance (4 to 1) first, Pothorn (8 to 1) second, Mauser (15 to 1) third. Time, 2:14.4. Fourth race—De Soto Handicap, six furlongs—Josette (9 to 2) first, Scorpion (5 to 1) second, Royal Rover (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:10.4. Fifth race—selling, one mile and a half—Coke (4 to 1) first, The Way (6 to 1) second, Satta (8 to 1) third. Time, 2:14.4. Sixth race—one mile—Honolulu (4 to 2) first, Toga (9 to 2) second, Zedge (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:40.4.

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J. HAMPTON HOGE DEAD

After a Short Illness from Pneumonia in Roanoke.

HIS POLITICAL CAREER

He Was the Candidate of the Republican Party for Governor in 1901—His Notable Tour Across Country While En Route to China.

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ROANOKE, VA., February 14.—Colonel John Hampton Hoge died at 12 o'clock today at his residence, corner of Roanoke and Twelfth Avenues, after a brief illness from pneumonia. Colonel Hoge returned from Washington on the early morning train Monday, accompanied by his wife, suffering from gripe and in a very weak condition. He was taken to his residence and physicians summoned, and later in the day came the first news that he was suffering from pneumonia and was a very sick man. From day to day his condition became worse. Early this morning his condition seemed improved, but later he grew weaker, and at 12 o'clock he died.

John Hampton Hoge was born at Waver-

land, Montgomery county, and was forty-seven years of age. He came of a brilliant ancestry. His father, Daniel H. Hoge, was a distinguished orator and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1850-54, and his grandfather was General Hoge, a noted officer in the Mexican War. His mother was Ann Hawes DeJarnette, and his grandfather Colonel Daniel DeJarnette. His uncle, Daniel DeJarnette, was a member of the United States Congress for several terms and also a member of the Confederate Congress, and one of the most brilliant orators of the day.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Lulu Otey, daughter of the late Dr. Otey, of Blacksburg, and six children—Louise, John Hampton, Lizzie Otey, Dan, James Otey and Alice—and brothers and sisters as follows: Mrs. Alice H. Penn, Daniel DeJarnette Hoge, Elliott Coleman Hoge, James Hawes Hoge, Samuel Harris Hoge and Mrs. H. K. Tallant, of Christiansburg. The remains will be taken to Christiansburg to-morrow morning on the 9:30 train. The funeral services will take place at Blacksburg at 2 o'clock, conducted by the minister of the Baptist Church. The active pall-bearers are Robert E. Scott, Judge John W. Woods, Harvey T. Hall, S. A. Buckner, W. P. Penn and W. H. Pedigo. Honorary: Judge William Gordon Robertson, Captain J. R. Johnson, of Christiansburg; W. A. Glasgow, Colonel J. W. Hartwell and United States District Attorney B. Lee Hood.

IN HIS PRIME.

Colonel J. Hampton Hoge was in the prime of life. He was in some respects one of the most gifted stump speakers of the State, and he had been in the last half century. There are many who rank Colonel Hoge as next to the late John E. Massey as a stump orator. He began his career as a Democrat. During the period when the Readjusters flourished Colonel Hoge was a Funder. He often met Massey, Riddleberger and others in debate. Seldom, if ever, did he come out "second best" in these discussions.

In the early part of his second administration, made Colonel Hoge casual to Amoy, China. The Colonel, who came by his title as a member of the staff of Governor Fitzhugh Lee, having been a young man to serve in the Confederate army, started on his way to the Far East. For reasons which attracted much attention at the time Cleveland revoked the commission, and Colonel Hoge came back home he practiced law at Roanoke and in Montgomery county.

CAMPAIN OF 1901. In a few years he became a Republican. He started out by making Republican stump speeches. In 1901 the Republicans, in convention at Roanoke, nominated him for Governor. He made a fine campaign, and on one occasion met Mr. Montague, his successful opponent, in joint debate. Colonel Hoge was badly beaten. Since that time he had practiced his profession. In several campaigns Colonel Hoge was called upon by the Republicans to stump Northern States. Last fall he canvassed West Virginia at the instance of Senator Scott.

Colonel Hoge was not personally very well known in Roanoke. He had made only a few speeches here in the campaign of 1896 he made a few addresses. Colonel Hoge was tall, sparely built, and always wore a pleasant smile. There was about him the noblest of men, impressing an audience, even before he uttered a word.

Schooner Libelled.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., February 14.—The ship Lurline, owned by Otis Wooten, colored, this afternoon was libelled by Deputy United States Marshal J. E. West, of Norfolk, because of a \$33 bill due William J. Norfleet.

Begins New Duties.

Mr. Charles C. Johnson, recently appointed purchasing agent of the Passenger and Power Company by Mr. Gould, began his new duties yesterday. Johnson will do the buying for the Richmond, Manchester and Petersburg roads and light departments.

Mr. A. McAulay and Son, Albert, will leave Tuesday for New Orleans.

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This progressive American-born citizen is Hon. J. S. Jenkins, and he's premier of the State of South Australia. Twenty years ago, he went to South Australia to take subscriptions for a book published by a Boston subscription house. He sold his books, liked the country, and he's been the head of the State.

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SPOT WHERE HE WAS SHOT

Shaft on Site Where Stuart Was Fatally Wounded.

Followers Erected It

Why Wanted All Generations to Know the Place Was Shadowed—In Quarter of Century Site Will be Gully.

"Yellow Tavern."

The generously encouraged efforts being made to erect in Richmond a monument to General J. E. B. Stuart call to the minds of many the fact that while the monument is not strictly to his memory, there is a shaft already in existence marking the spot where he was shot.

More than twenty years ago a number of the devoted followers of Stuart in Richmond got together, formed an organization, which was chartered for that purpose, collected a large sum of money and had this shaft erected. All felt that coming generations ought to be able to know the spot, as near as possible, where Stuart was mortally wounded in the defense of Richmond. Among those who contributed and who took much interest in this worthy movement were Messrs. W. Ben Palmer, J. P. George, Dr. S. George, Gervais Stiers, J. W. Gordon, Frank T. Sutton, E. A. Sullivan, C. C. Gilman, John C. Joseph, W. Thomas, A. B. Venable, E. Crenshaw, M. J. Dimmock and L. B. Vaughan.

When the shaft had been carved out and was ready to be put in place the gentlemen had rather a difficult task of locating the spot where Stuart would have fallen had not Major Venable and others about him saw that he was shot, and in an instant were at his side. Two men riding by his side put their arms in his, and thus his horse was "killed" from the field. Then the shaft was put in place, and the wounded man was put in an ambulance and brought to Richmond. Major Venable was with him and held his hand when he died.

The shaft is on the "Telegraph" road a mile and a half beyond the old site of the "Yellow Tavern." The Brook Road becomes the Telegraph Road at the Yellow Tavern site. This road runs on northward by Ashland to Fredericksburg, and is one of the best known public highways of the State. Some uneasiness is now felt for the monument. The road and hillsides are steadily approaching the site of the shaft. At the rate the "wash" is now going on the shaft will be in the gully in the next twenty-five years.

The name of Yellow Tavern has been perpetuated by the circumstance that Stuart was shot near there. The yellow painted old hostility was gone many years when the war began. The oldest citizens alone remember it.

WRECKED A TRAIN

Negro Arrested for the Wreck at Thomasville Three Weeks Ago.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, N. C., February 14.—Jason Lindsay, a negro, was brought here from Thomasville this evening and placed in jail, charged with wrecking the Southern Railway's fast vestibule train just north of Thomasville